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## Chinatown's Horrors

Shown by Fire.

Los Angeles, April 20.—"Strange is the scene where San Francisco's Chinatown stood," says W. W. Overton, who reached Los Angeles today among the refugees. "No heap of smoking ruins marks the site of the wooden warrens where the slant eyed men of the Orient dwelt in thousands. The place is pitted with deep holes and seared with dark passageways from whose depths come smoke wreaths. All the wood has gone and the winds are strewing the ashes." "Men, white men never knew the depth of Chinatown's underground city," says Overton. They often talked of these subterranean runways. And many of them had gone beneath the street levels, two and three stories. But now the Chinatown has been unmasked, for the destroyed buildings were only a mask, men from the hills have looked on where its inner secrets lay. In places they can see passages one hundred feet deep.

"The fire swept this Mongolian section clean. It left no shred of the painted wooden fabric. It ate it down to the bare ground and this lies stark, for the breezes have taken away the light ashes. Joss houses and Mission schools and opium places, gambling hells and theatres—all of them went. The buildings blazed up like tissue paper lanterns used to when the guttering candles touched their sides.

"From this place I followed the fire and watched the yellow men flee. In their arms they bore their opium pipes, their money bags, their silks and their children. Besides them ran the baggytrousered women and some of them hobbled painfully.

"But these were the men and women of the surface. For beneath the street levels in those cellars and passage ways were other lives. Women who never saw the day from their darkened prisons, and blinking jailers, were caught like rats in a huge trap. Their very bones were eaten by the flames.

"And now there remain only the holes. They pit the hillside like a multitude of ground wallow nests. They show depths which the police never knew. The secrets of these burrows will never be known, for into them the hungry fire first sifted its red coals and then licked eagerly in tongues of creeping flame, finally obliterating everything except the earth itself."

The water system of Lovelock is temporarily out of commission on account of rising quicksand, which has interfered with the operation of the pumps that draw the city's supply of water from its large wells.

The remains of the man found shot through the head some months ago near Sparks, have been identified as those of M. Kingsbury, of San Francisco. His little steeling accidental articles found on his person.

A great strike was made in the National Bank mine, at Bullfrog, last week. On the 100-foot level a four-foot ledge of \$1,000 ore has been encountered, and the ore is being sacked for shipping.

The body of Judge Bethune, who has been missing in the southern country for several months, was found last week in Death Valley. He undoubtedly perished for want of water.

A survey has been completed for a railroad line between Goldfield and Rhyolite to make a through route to Salt Lake and Los Angeles. The distance between Goldfield and Rhyolite is 80 miles.

A mining deal, which is said to involve about \$250,000, was consummated this week when Wilson and Norton sold to John Harnan the Cyclone group of claims in the Fairview district.

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The little town of Panaca comes forth to aid the sufferers.

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The fire that laid waste three-fourths of San Francisco played some strange freaks.

The Kohl building, one of the finest class "A" structures, suffered some damage on all of the first four floors, the other six floors remaining absolutely intact.

The big five story building of J. A. Folger & Co., corner Spear and Howard streets, was not even scorched and a large lumber yard across the street escaped although everything adjoining was burned to the ground.

Messrs. Folger & Co. carried an immense stock of coffee and tea and as soon as the U. S. government will permit, regular delivery to customers will be commenced.

The steel frame of the new Newman & Levinson building, although right in the midst of a seething furnace, shows no marks of the flames. The paint on the steel work remaining unscorched.

The destruction of ancient Rome was but an incident in comparison with the havoc wrought in San Francisco and it is safe to say that the fire of April 18, 1906, can be classed as the greatest and most destructive fire in the history of the world.—Casson News.

Steamboat Spring, in Washoe county, are flowing a greater supply of water since the earthquake, and the water is several degrees hotter than formerly.

A test case is to be made by orders from Washington of the right of settlers to file on Indian land between Fallon and Stillwater included in the reclamation service. There are 32,000 acres of this land claimed by the Indian Bureau.

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